

*Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 9, 2017
Jesuit Residence*

Attendees: Father Bob VerEecke, S.J., Pastoral Council members Jack Schmitt (Chair), Adel O'Regan (Vice Chair), Stephen Alfieri, Kathleen Cagnina, John Karle, Bob Lepisko, Charles Mileski, Debbi Olley Murphy, David Pais, Catherine O'Hagan Wolfe. Also attending at the invitation of the Pastoral Council were Mike Shanabrook, Chair of the SFX Finance Council; and Jim Martinez, SFX Director of Stewardship and Assistant to the Pastor for Financial Planning.

- 1. Opening Prayer: Kathleen Cagnina*
- 2. Report on Parish Finances*
 - Jim Martinez and Mike Shanabrook reported on the status of Xavier's finances, which are healthy overall.*
 - As the fiscal year ends August 31, a full report will be prepared for all parishioners.*
- 3. Pastor's Report*
 - Father Bob reviewed Holy Week, which was beautiful and engaging for parishioners. Everyone who was involved with RCIA was very happy with the outcome of the various Masses as well.*
 - Father Bob also mentioned that a communications committee has been formed; they have already begun to work on the website calendar and will be working on a survey as well.*
 - On June 6, Chris Lowney, author of Everyone Leads, which focuses on leadership in the Catholic Church, will be speaking at Xavier High School. Father Bob encouraged the Pastoral Council to read the book and attend the program.*
- 4. Report on Listening Sessions*
 - The four sessions went well, with about 9 or 10 of the same participants for each session and an overall attendance of about 15.*
 - Initially, the session focused on reconciling political differences, but eventually focusing on interpersonal and close relationships was addressed. The planning group intends to tweak materials going forward, and hopes to hold another series of sessions in the fall.*
- 5. Review of Gathering of Ministries and Promotion of Ministries*
 - The gathering of ministries, held on May 1, went well. There were suggestions about how to make it even more cohesive and inclusive; suggestions included an all-day retreat as well as a themed gathering.*

- *As was mentioned in the previous month's minutes, Xavier ministries have been offered a larger forum to publicize what they do to the parish at large. This includes more prominence in the bulletin, as well as a presence in the back of the church.*

6. *Planning for Father Sean Toole's Farewell Party*

- *Sean will celebrate the 5 p.m. Mass on Saturday, June 24, after which the parish will host a party for him. It will be held either in Xavier High School's outside courtyard or in Hurtado Hall if the weather is bad.*
- *Staff members will work with a Pastoral Council member as a contact to ensure that the party, which will be a potluck, is well publicized and that parishioners have an opportunity to bring food and drink.*

7. *Pastoral Council Member Selection Process/Calendar of 2017/2018 Pastoral Council Meetings*

- *There will be three open slots on the council as of September 2017, and discernment sessions will be held on Monday, June 5 and Monday, June 12 to fill these positions.*
- *As has been the case in the past, representatives of the Pastoral Council will address the parish during all Masses the weekend of Saturday and Sunday, May 20 and 21, to encourage interested parishioners to put their names forth. Pastoral Council members will also be available following the Masses to speak to parishioners who may want to discern.*
- *Beginning in September 2017, Pastoral Council meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of each month.*

8. *Chair Report on the Year and Commencement of Chair Discussion*

- *Jack Schmitt, the current Chair of the Pastoral Council, gave a brief overview of his experience over the past year. He offered to renew his term as Chair for an additional year, and also encouraged others to discern. The Pastoral Council will discern for the upcoming year's Chair at its Monday, July 10 meeting (changed from Monday, July 17).*

9. *Closing Prayer: Kathleen Cagnina*